

BIERTON WITH QUARRENDON, BUCKLAND

AND STOKE.

In an ancient Book of Memoranda and Institutions in the time of Oliver Sutton. Bishop of Lincoln, who began to preside over the Diocese of Lincoln Anno Domini 1280, and now remaining in the Registry of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, is contained as follows :—

"BURTON WITH QUERENDON, BOKELAND, AND STOKES.

"ROBERT DE THAME, Priest, having been presented by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to a Vicarage to be ordained in the Chapels of Burton, Querendon, Bokeland, and Stokes, nigh Aylesbury, appropriated to the Community of the Chapter of Lincoln; And an Inquisition having been made by Master Richard de St. Fredeswynde, Prebendary of Merston; according to the accustomed Articles, and especially concerning the value of the proceeds of the Altarage of such Chapels, whereby, amongst other things, it was found concerning the value of the aforesaid proceeds as below is contained; And afterwards the same Robert, renouncing the presentation made of him, for that he subsequently accepted the Church of the Blessed Mary Magdalen in the Close of the Church of Lincoln, the said Dean and Chapter again presented Adam de Berington, Chaplain to the said Vicarage so to be ordained; whose presentation being received, the Bishop, after a Conference had with his aforesaid Chapter, on the 7th Kalends of December,* A.D. 1294, at Stowe Park, ordained such Vicarage under the form following :—

"KNOW ALL MEN THAT WE OLIVER, by Divine Permission Bishop of Lincoln. willing that a Vicarage be ordained in the Chapels of Burton, Querendon, Bokeland, and Stokes, in our Diocese, appropriated to the Community of the Chapter of Lincoln, have expressed this *viva voce* to our same Chapter: Wherefore, pending their presentation of the same, we have caused to be inquired

* 25th November.

by Master Richard. de St. Fredeswynde, Prebendary of Merston, concerning the value of the proceeds of the Altarage of such Chapels, And it being found by the same Inquisition that the proceeds of the Altarage of the Chapel of Burton are worth in common years* 15 marks, the proceeds of the Altarage of the Chapel of Querendon are worth in common years 8 marks, the proceeds of the Altarage of the Chapel of Bokeland are worth in common years 6 marks, and the proceeds of the Altarage of the Chapel of *Stokes* are worth in common years 7 marks: And the same proceeds consist in all manner of oblations, mortuaries, *tithe of wool, lambs, milk, flax, hemp, pigs, geese, eggs, foals of horses, calves, gardens and Crofts*, which are dug with foot and spade, and also in the tithe of pigeons; And that in the parish of the Chapel of Burton is given certain corn, commonly called 'Putte-corne,' for the burial of the Parishioners of Hulcote who are buried at Burton, which belongs to the Altarage of Burton : And that there are there two Mills, the one a Water Mill, and the other a Horse Mill: And that in the said Portion the said Yicarage might most competently be ordained, and the Manse of the Vicar be assigned in the Vill of Burton:— "We considering that it will be needful for one Chaplain to minister in the Chapel of Querendon, another in that of Bokeland, and a third in that of Stokes, And that it is fit that the Vicar should have a Priest dwelling with him, do ordain that the portion of the Vicar, to be instituted in times to come, shall consist in all and singular the portions above written and in others the like, if any there be which ought to be contained in the name of Altarage, And that the said Chapter build suitably a competent Manse for the use of the Vicar at Burton on the ground of the Chapel, on the West side, at their own costs; saving to the same Chapter the Tithe of Sheaves and Hay, And all lands and tenements with their appurtenances: in pastures and other things whatsoever belonging to the same Chapels: And also the Jurisdiction which the sometime Prebendary of old used to have in the same Chapels without prejudice to Pontifical Eight. Moreover we ordain that the said Chapter shall in the beginning find proper books and Ornaments suitable to the Estate of the

* *i. e.* one year with another.

said Chapels, which the Vicars for the time succeeding there shall hereafter be bound to find and keep up equally fitting and good at their own Costs, and to procure proper ministers to minister in all the Chapels aforesaid, and do all other things which are in any wise requisite for Divine Service. And that the said Chapter shall diligently take care and watch that such Ornaments and books be honestly kept by the Vicars, and, when necessary, repaired. But if the Vicar for the time being, perchance suffice not for the repair or amendment of them, in that case, the Chapter shall be bound to amend such defaults for their negligence. But the construction and repair of the Chancels of the Chapels aforesaid ought to belong to the Chapter or Parishioners of the places according to the manner observed in time past. We ordain likewise that the Vicar for the time being shall be free of all ordinary charge in the aforesaid Chapels, except the aforewritten repair and amendment of the Books and Ornaments. But he ought only to answer for the portion of his Vicarage if in future it chance to be taxed to any tenth or other contribution. But if the Vicar's portion ordained as is premised, in the process of time seem to deserve to be increased, as being insufficient, We especially reserve to ourselves and our successors the power of doing this, and also, if there should appear aught in this Ordination doubtful, obscure or requiring interpretation, of declaring and interpreting the same. Done at Stowe Park, on the 7th Kalends of December, A.D. 1294.' Afterwards the Bishop, in the same year and place, adhering to the Inquisition before made, admitted the aforesaid Adam, being recommended by the Chapter in respect of his birth, life, manners, and conversation, to the said Vicarage, and canonically appointed him perpetual Vicar in the same, with the charge of personally ministering and continually residing. And he swore obedience to the Bishop canonically in the usual form, And Oath being made by the said Adam of residing in the Vicarage aforesaid, according to the form of the Constitution provided upon the admitting of Vicars, it was written to the Vicar of Aylesbury that he should cause the same Adam to have corporal possession of the said Vicarage, in the form aforesaid, and the said Adam had nevertheless Letters Patent of Institution."